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Track athletes run, jump into the new season

Taylor Chavez started and there are many kids who have improved. I asked several students different questions about their track season.

Sophomore Oakley Jandreau placed at state last season and when it comes to this year she said "I'm excited and have a different set of goals from last year. I'm motivated with a different mindset to place higher at state. And I hope more kids join in the following years."

Part of intense training is having to deal with injuries. From being injured last season, senior Becca Buchholz said "I sat out one season of track and then having to jump back in was tough in the beginning." She says her body wasn't in track shape but as it goes on it gets easier for her. She also said she's glad to be

back. Going to state is hard work and junior Darian Schmidt is working to get there. What keeps him motivated to train so hard at practice is to go to state and outwork others. He explains how he loves to compete at meets and how it pushes him to do his very best.

Track is good for students because it keeps them committed and makes them set goals they need to work at to achieve.

NCAA tourney brings Madness

Veronica Knippling March was a busy month for college basketball players all across the nation as the men and women's NCAA basketball tournaments began. Notre Dame took the trophy for the women, with Arike Ogunbowale leading the charge. Ogunbowale hit a buzzer beater in the Final Four against University of Connecticut to win the game. The next game, she hit another buzzer beater against Mississippi to win that game as well and take home the championship. To score the buzzer beater, Ogunbowale said, "I just had to summon my Mamba Mentality." On the men's spectrum, Villanova took the trophy. They played Michigan State in the Championship. Donte DiVencenzo led Villanova from the bench with 31 points. Blake Farstveet, a Villanova fan and Highmore-Harrold Student, was very excited about the tournament. He said, "March Madness made me feel alive again. It was amazing." Dylan McDonnell, a UNC fan, said, "Although UNC didn't win this time, my team still has 6 championships. Does Villanova?"

However, there are other notable events from both tournaments. Loyola Chicago is now one of four of the lowest seeds to make the Final Four in history. Notre Dame knocked down UConn in the Final Four, who were undefeated their whole season up until that point. University of Maryland Baltimore County was the first 16 seed to knock down a one seed in men's NCAA history. After the win, players for UMBC said, "Winning this game felt like when you get your first Fortnite dub." This March was definitely full of Madness.

Some of the students had a really laid back Easter like Emily Semmler. "I went to my grandmas and hung out with my cousins. We played board games, and dyed eggs. I also talked to my aunts and uncles. It was a great Easter and I hope to do it next year."

Bailey Dean's Easter plans didn't go as planned but she still had a great time as she said, "For Easter my family goes to our grandparents and we have dinner. After dinner we play games and talk. This Easter we didn't get to go to our grandparents but we invited friends and had an Easter egg hunt."

How ever you spent your Easter, hopefully it



RILEY AASBY was elected as State FCCLA First Vice President at the state convention.

FCCLA takes on Sioux Falls

Halle Kroepelin Highmore Family Career and Community Leaders of America attended the state convention at the Denny Sanford Convention Center in Sioux Falls.

The events started for FCCLA members on Sunday, April 8. Students have prepared projects for months in advance to present to the judges. Another option to compete in is running for a state officer. "I was competing in Job Interview. I had an awesome evaluator who gave me constructive criticism and were fun to talk with. I was really nervous going in. I didn't know what they would ask me, or how to control my constant 'ums,' but once I was in the room, they made me feel welcomed and comfortable. It was an incredible experience," said Sylvia Rodriguez.

State FCCLA began on Sunday and goes until awards are presented on Tuesday. The contestants can go to the dance, swim, take a self-defense class, watch a movie, or try on karaoke on Monday night. Everyone finds out if their project received a Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Top Superior on Tuesday. If you receive a Top Superior on your project you get to go across the stage and state your name and school.

Kassie Dyer was one individual who received a Top Superior. Dyer said, "It was honestly a really good feeling. Even though we didn't expect to score so high, we were super stoked to have a chance at nationals on something we worked so hard on." All Top Superior ranks were in the running for going to the National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

Riley Aasby ran for an office at the state convention and was elected the State Vice President. She stated, "It feels surreal to be honest. I've worked so hard for it and it's weird seeing it all pay off. It's hard to explain the feeling unless you've been a state officer. FCCLA has been such a huge part of my life for so long and I'm super grateful to have this opportunity. Being Vice President means I'm co-leading almost 2,000 members and that's absolutely crazy to me."

Forty members from Highmore attended and over 1,500 people attended this convention.

Tyra Flaaen, a senior FCCLA member, said, "FCCLA taught me leadership skills and other abilities that I can use in the future." For these members, it seemed like State FCCLA was a success.

Students have summer blues

Lainey Aasby

As the school year winds down, students become more anxious for no homework, camping, bonfires, baseball games and lake days. Highmore-Harrold School has been diagnosed with the summer blues. Many students have countdowns on their phones and there's even a senior countdown in the high school math room. Student's brains are full of a year's worth of knowledge and are ready to enjoy some time off and relax.

Incoming freshman Grace Knox said "I'm looking forward to going to D.C, working to earn some extra cash and downtime."

Karsi Peterson is

excited to have a good night sleep without having to worry about Monday and homework. She also said, "I can't wait to spend more time with family working cattle and enjoying summer weather."

The preschoolers are going to miss their teacher and new friends however, they can't wait to go swimming and to possibly play t-ball.

The students will be relieved of the summer blues on May 18. The class of 2018 will be greatly missed and students will be one year older. Spring has been slow coming and the anticipation for the last day of school is rising. Students can't wait.

Dear Pete (Students seek help)

Dear Pete, This month is so busy. How do I manage my time?

Sincerely, Everyone
Dear Everyone,
When trying to manage time, make sure you put the most important things on the top of a priority list. Also, put them in chronological order. Don't work on things due two weeks ahead of time when you have something due in two days. Set deadlines for yourself to make sure you don't get overwhelmed or do anything too late to the point where you're stressing. It's easy to stress yourself out when you have so much coming up all at once. If some things are due or take place at the same time, try to work and prepare for them ahead of time so that you don't mess up either.

Sincerely, Pete

Dear Pete,

My friend is being really fake lately and I don't know how to confront him/her about it. What should I do?

Sincerely, an Annoyed Friend

Dear Annoyed Friend,
If someone is being fake towards you, don't be fake back. Make sure you confront them and be truthful. A fake person is considered someone who acts different around you or lies to you or others. Don't drop

down to that level. Be straight up with them and let them know how you're feeling. The key to fixing a relationship is communication. Voicing your feelings and coming to a compromise is easier than hiding how you feel. If nothing changes, it's okay to keep trying.

Sincerely, Pete

Dear Pete,

There is someone I have wronged, but I am too anxious to apologize, so I never get the chance to try and say sorry. What do I do?

Sincerely, Sorry Teen

Dear Sorry Teen,
Saying sorry is a good start to fixing an issue you feel you've caused.

Sometimes people let their ego get in front of that, but don't be afraid. A simple sorry and an explanation can prove so much to your friend and help them forgive you. The longer you shy away from saying sorry, the harder it will be for him/her to forgive you.

Make sure when you do say sorry, you're sincere, look them in the eyes, and don't blame them for whatever happened.

Take some of the blame and let it go. If they don't forgive you right away, let them cool down before trying again. Friendship is important and losing that friendship can be heartbreaking so just do your best!

Sincerely, Pete



Question of the Month

What is something you want to say to your ex?

Velvet Jessen



Shiloa Bale: "What went wrong?"



Emily Converse: "Still slightly mad but it's okay, we don't even talk anymore.... Kind of a waste of time."



Dylan McDonnell: "Relationships are a lot like algebra. Sometimes you look at your x and say y."



Tyra Flaaen: "I hope you have a happy life with whoever you find next."

Congratulations to Janie Pratt on being nominated for Special Education Teacher in the State for this year!

This award is given to any teaching assistant or teacher who works with a student with special needs. They're nominated by a parent and have to fit certain characteristics to win the award. The winner is chosen by a committee at a state level. We thank Mrs. Pratt for everything she's done for our students!



Good Luck to the Pirates and Lady Pirates in track and golf!



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